

FOOD SURVEY OF MORGAN COUNTY NEXT TUESDAY

SENATORS FIGHT TO ALLOW ROOSEVELT TO RAISE DIVISION

Senator Harding Of Ohio Declares Congress Will Allow Former President To Go To France

CONSCRIPTION TO PASS IN 24 HOURS

Administration Fires Final Broadside For Draft Measure In Speech Of Representative Kahn

(International News Service.)

Washington, April 27.—With only two days remaining for debate on the selective draft bill in the senate nearly a score of senators today registered themselves on the speakers' list to record their views before the measure goes to a vote at midnight tomorrow. The senate was prepared to stay in session continually until a vote is taken if necessary.

The most interesting feature of today's debate in the senate was the fight led by Senator Harding of Ohio, to authorize the acceptance of Col. Roosevelt's offer to raise and lead a division to France.

Senator Harding hoped to reach a vote on his amendment before the end of the day, and he predicted success.

Senator Jones, of Washington, opened the debate today with an earnest plea for the adoption of conscription. He also urged nation-wide prohibition and woman suffrage as war measures.

ALLIED MISSIONS MAKE PROGRESS IN CONFERENCES

(International News Service.)

Washington, April 27.—Material progress already has been made in the informal conference now going on between members of the Anglo-French war commission and officials of the United States.

So much progress has been made in fact, that A. J. Balfour, the British war minister, locked himself in his study today to make the first report to his government.

(International News Service.)

Washington, April 27.—Complete co-operation in every line of war endeavor between the United States and the entente allies already is assured.

When the several sections of experts representing this government and France and England got down to business today it was found that there were no real points of difference.

The visitors have made it plain that they are here to advise and serve and not to make demands. In consequence it is expected that the complete work of the conference will be finished in record time.

GERARD ATTACKS CLARK FOR ANTI-CONSCRIPTION SPEECH; "LIAR," SAYS MISSOURIAN

(International News Service.)

New York, April 27.—Political leaders today were commenting with divergent opinion on a sensational attack on Speaker Champ Clark's attitude toward the administration's selective draft measure before congress, delivered by James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Berlin, before the American Newspaper Publishers' association.

"If Champ Clark did not suffer from constitutional cold feet he would be president today," was the substance of one of Gerard's declarations.

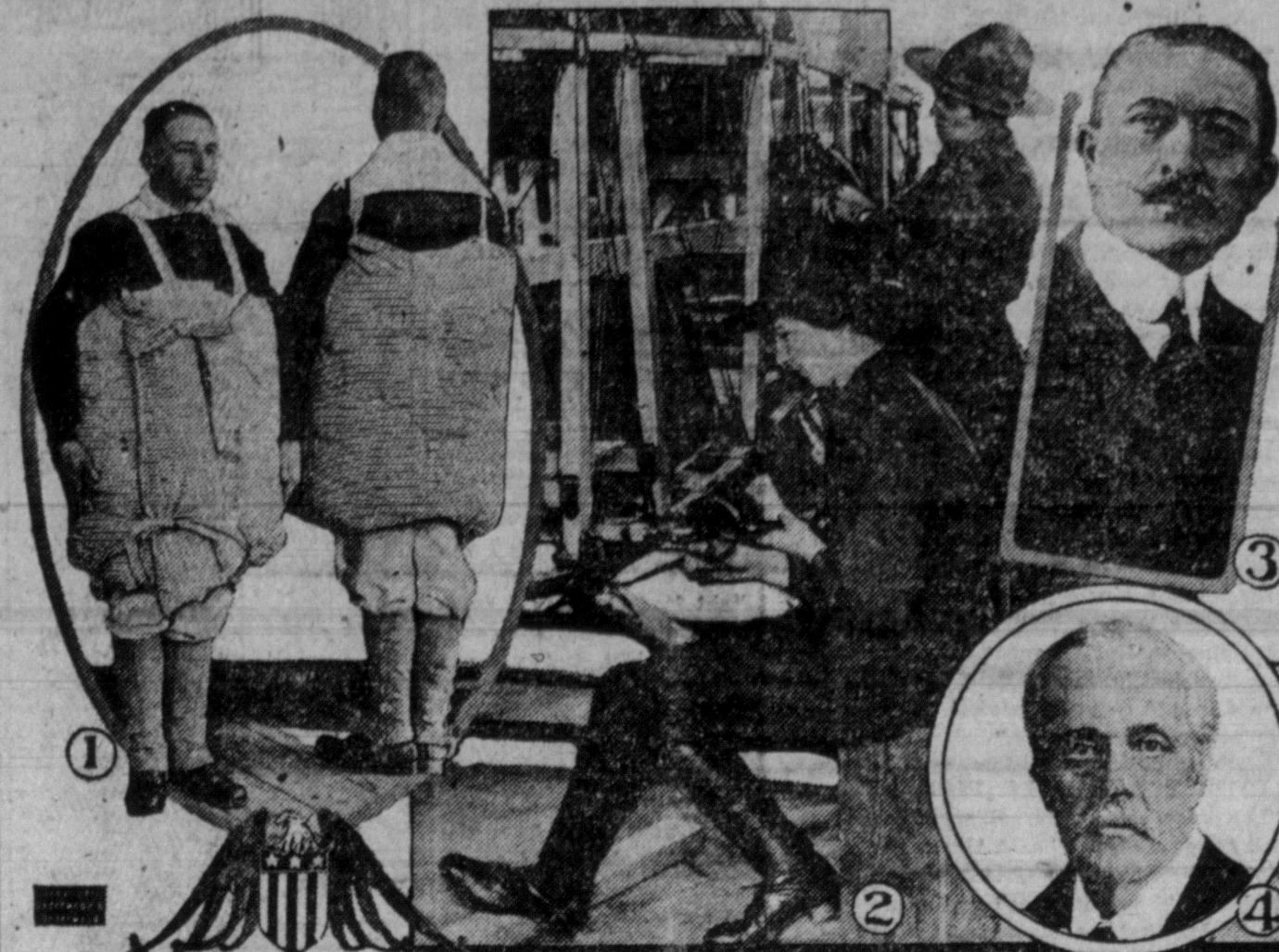
"I supported him financially when he was a candidate for president, and I think there is some benevolent instinct which keeps the American people from putting forward this type of statesman. Now I will tell you a piece of history. If he did not suffer from constitutional cold feet he might be president today, for at the Baltimore convention in the middle of the night enough votes came over to him to give him a majority, but that was not enough—a two-thirds vote is re-

quired. At his request his supporters caused an adjournment of that convention. The people of nerve who were supporting him said: 'Go on with the convention, and you will get enough votes before morning. He wanted adjournment. I suppose he wanted to go out and call for volunteers. It is because of that want of nerve that he is not sitting where he could do us immeasurable damage to-day.'

"LIAR," SAYS FIRE-EATING MISSOURIAN OF GERARD.

(International News Service.) Washington, April 27.—Speaker Champ Clark today replied in vigorous fashion to the statement made by former Ambassador Gerard in New York last night.

"The poor man is laboring hard to keep in the limelight out of which he is rapidly fading," said Mr. Clark. "He or any other man who impugns my patriotism is a liar and the truth is not in him."



1—Navy recruits at the Newport training station, with their mattresses tied about them to serve as beds. 2—Miss Katherine Brady and Mrs. Al Howard learning to build airplanes in a Brooklyn factory. 3—Krene Viven, head of the French commission coming to America for a war council. 4—Arthur James Balfour, British foreign minister, who leads the British commission for war councils in America.

WEST FRONT NOW KAISER'S CONCERN ASSERT DISPATCHES FROM RUSS CAPITAL

CLAIMED THAT HEAVY INROADS HAVE BEEN MADE UPON FORCES NOW FACING THE SLAVS.

FIGHT RAGING FURIOUSLY

THREE-MILE WITHDRAWAL OF GERMAN LINES NEAR ARRAS SAID TO BE IMMINENT. ARTILLERY ROARS.

(International News Service.)

Petrograd, April 27.—A battle with artillery has developed on the western Russian front south of Riga and along the Dvina river, the war office announced today. The Germans have been reinforced in that sector and dispatches indicate that the Teutons have started a big offensive or are planning to do so at once.

(International News Service.) Copenhagen, April 27.—Germany's real concern is now on the western front, according to dispatches received here today, quoting Petrograd newspapers.

The Russky Invalid says that Germany has sent the most of her best troops from the eastern to the western front, leaving the eastern line held mostly by Austro-Hungarians, Bulgarians and Turks. The Bourse Gazette of Petrograd says there is no possibility of Russia making a separate peace.

RUSSIAN WOMEN HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO BAR.

(International News Service.) Petrograd, April 27.—Women are now being admitted to the bar in Russia for the first time.

FURTHER RETIREMENT OF GERMAN ARMIES FORECAST

(International News Service.) London, April 27.—A further retirement of three miles for the German armies east of Arras was imminent today, unless they can stave off the constantly growing pressure of the British.

The desperation of the German situation on that front has been seen in the furious counter attacks of the Teutons during the past 48 hours.

Dispatches from Paris today said that the artillery duelling in west Flanders reached its climax yesterday when the opposing armies apparently had all their guns in action.

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TEUTON WARSHIPS AGAIN RAID THE COAST OF BRITAIN

ANOTHER DARING EXPLOIT PULL-ED OFF WHILE OUR ALLIES LOAF ON JOB.

(International News Service.)

London, April 27.—German warships have again raided the British coast.

Official announcement of the attack was made by the admiralty today. The coast was bombarded at the mouth of the Thames river. Twenty houses were destroyed and two persons killed and others wounded at Ramsgate.

British destroyers gave battle and the German warships fled.

The German warships were chased away by the fire of the British shore batteries and the English destroyers. Urgent demands for the removal of Sir Edward Carson as first lord of the admiralty were made today.

Famine And Strikes In Land Of Kaiser

(International News Service.)

Stockholm, April 27.—Germany is famine stricken.

Workmen are not getting enough food to keep them in health, according to dispatches received here today. The newspaper Tagens Nyheter says that strikes in Germany are spreading despite reports to the contrary.

DAILY PUTS OVER ANOTHER SCOOP BY Margin Of Week

The Daily has scored another "scoop." This time by the margin of nearly a week.

Readers of the Birmingham News last night glimpsed the first page across which glared five-column head lines: "Brilliant Victory is Won in Spectacular Sea Fight," Eyes hung on stems, until the opening paragraph of the story was read. Then came the fatal words "on the night of April 20."

It was the same sea battle that the Daily had first told its readers of on last Saturday.

SCOUT MEETING TONIGHT.

The Albany Boys Scouts are ordered to meet at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the Y. M. C. A. in full uniforms.

R. W. COWART.

Scout Master.

DECATUR CITIZENS WILL STAGE GREAT MAY DAY PARADE HERE ON TUESDAY

PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION WILL BE LED BY BAND OF SECOND REGIMENT, ALABAMA NATIONAL GUARD, AND COMPANY B MEN.

SPEECHES ON PROGRAM

BANK STREET BUSINESS MEN ARE BACKING MAYOR NELSON TO SHOW PATRIOTISM AND LOYALTY OF CITY.

Led by the band of the Second regiment, Alabama national guard, and soldiers of Company B, the citizens of Decatur will march Tuesday in a patriotic May Day parade.

Plans for the big celebration are rapidly being whipped into shape by Mayor James A. Nelson, Capt. Hal Halstead of Company B, and other interested citizens.

The parade will form on Bank street, according to present plans, and will march to Second avenue, Albany. It will then return to Bank street where speeches will be made by leading citizens along patriotic lines.

The Second regiment band will arrive here Tuesday morning and military authorities have already consented to its use in the parade. The band will be stationed here for some time with Company B. It is a thirty-piece band and is one of the crack organizations of the Alabama brigade.

Although plans for the parade were only begun this morning, it is evident that the demonstration will be a great success. Bank street business men are enthusiastic over the project and will give it unstinted support.

PERMIT IS GRANTED TO EXHIBIT MOVIE

Mayor Payne Sanctions Showing of "The Crisis."

Announcement was made today by Mayor Payne that he had granted a permit for the showing at an Albany picture house of "The Crisis," a big feature film adapted from Winston Churchill's famous novel, which will be exhibited here on May 29.

This was the first permit issued under the censorship law recently enacted by the Albany city council.

WILL URGE FARMERS TO GROW SUPPLIES AND PREVENT FAMINE

South Must Feed Itself Or Starve, Is Word From Washington

CONDITIONS ARE WITHOUT PRECEDENT

ARMY AND EUROPE TO EAT MEAT AND GRAIN SURPLUS OF OTHER SECTIONS

A food survey of Morgan county is to be made.

This is the first result of the visit to the county of Mrs. G. H. Mathis, field agent of the Alabama Bankers' association, who sounded a note of warning against a probable food famine.

"Alabama must feed herself," declared Mrs. Mathis, and as a result a campaign committee of 25 was named to set about the task of having Morgan county do its part.

This committee, at a meeting held at Hartselle, organized by electing J. T. High, county farm demonstrator, as chairman, and M. D. Wiggins as secretary.

Then it named Tuesday, May 1, as the date for the county survey.

The plan for the survey provides that committees are to be named for every beat. These beat organizations will ascertain the acreage planted in every farm product, and will urge upon the farmers the necessity for growing more foodstuffs. The farmers will be told that if seed are needed, they will be furnished. They will be assured that they will receive the fullest co-operation of the merchants, bankers and business men.

"We don't propose to tell the farmers what they should do," said A. G. Patterson, a member of the Albany committee.

"What we do propose to do, is to make the farmers acquainted with conditions as they really are, now that the war is upon us, so that they may be guided by the information which we possess. We believe that this will result in the planting of more corn, more potatoes and the various necessities of life."

FOOD SITUATION IS SERIOUS.

That the food situation is far more serious than the general public realizes was the news brought to Morgan county by Mrs. Mathis, following her trip to Washington, where she conferred with Secretary of Agriculture Houston. She declared, and press dispatches confirm the statement, that the enormous quantity of foodstuffs being sent abroad, the limited production in American, and added quantity needed to feed an army of 2,000,000 men who will be called away from active pursuits, has placed the South face to face with the problem of feeding itself or starve.

Wheat Hits The Top.

As an illustration of the bread conditions, wheat yesterday for the first time in the history of the cereal, sold at \$2.60 per bushel on the Chicago exchange. Corn is selling for \$2.00 per bushel. Meal and flour are climbing higher day by day, and already both commodities are almost beyond the reach of the very poor.

The great wheat fields of Russia are not producing anything like enough of the grain to feed the Russian armies, while the wheat fields of France are for the most part armed camps. The West and the Middle West will be taxed to the very utmost to supply the demands of the American army.

MEAT CROP IS SHORT.

The meat crop, too, is short. A letter sent out this week by Armour & Company called upon every traveling and local representative of the company to disseminate the information that the hog supply is almost exhausted. "Tell the merchants and let them tell the farmers," was the command given. The letter stated that the packing plants were now running on a 43 per cent of capacity basis.

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Marvin Rankin Tries For Aviation Corps

Local Boy Tenders Services to the Federal Government.

Marvin Rankin, one of Albany's best known young men, has tendered his services to the government as a birdman, having made application for enlistment with the signal corps. Owing to the popularity of this branch of service and the limited number of men at present required, the applications are acted on slowly. Rigid examinations are given. Mr. Rankin expects to undergo the physical examination at an early date. If accepted for the aviation corps, he will be sent to a training school and later assigned to actual service.

Only Jail Cases To Be Tried This Term

Only those persons who are now in jail will be tried at the criminal term of the Morgan county circuit court, according to announcement today of Circuit Court Clerk Jas. L. Draper. The announcement was made for the benefit of witnesses and others.

Court convenes Monday.

Home Guard Will Drill Again Tonight

The Albany Home Guards will drill again tonight. The Guards will assemble at the armory at 7:30 o'clock. Lieut. Kelley, of Company B, who has returned from Birmingham, will be the drill instructor.

FASHION WILL BE CLOSED OUT; GARNETT GOES TO CLARKSDALE

Announcement was made today by W. J. Garnett, proprietor of "The Fashion," that he had accepted a position as manager of the Delta Department Store at Clarksdale, Miss., and that he would close his store here after disposing of the stock, which will be shortly advertised for sale at bargain prices. Mr. Garnett will spend several months in New York before going to Clarksdale to assume his duties, the new store there opening on September 1 in a three-story building that is now being rushed to completion.

The Twin Cities will suffer a distinct loss in the departure of Mr. Garnett, a live and aggressive young business man who has made good here. His store here has been a model of up-to-dateness, and through his enterprise and push it had come to be recognized as one of the fashion centers for this end of the state. Mr. Garnett today expressed his regret at leaving here, but said that an unusual business opportunity had been presented him at Clarksdale which he did not feel justified in rejecting.

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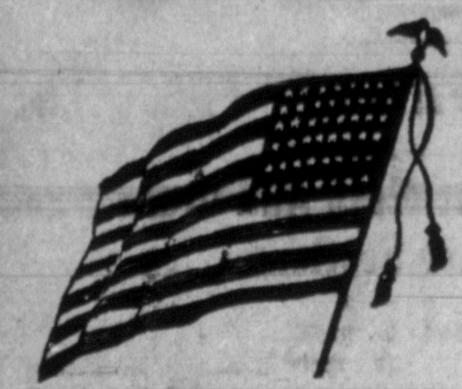
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FOOD CONTROL IS THE REAL PROBLEM.

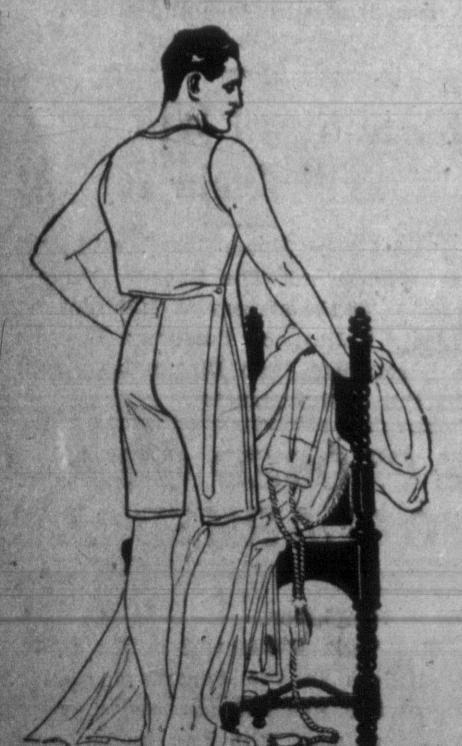
No so much food production as food control is the big problem that confronts the United States today. To grow food products is the height of wisdom, to regulate their distributions would tax the sagacity of a Solomon. For after all, no matter if the country is teeming with things to eat, if the price manipulators are allowed to continue their unholy work, there will be suffering and want.

The Nashville Tennessean, in commenting on conditions there, recently said:

Report is current that, in Nashville, one man has been found who has 300 barrels of flour stored at his residence. This man can have no expectation of using that quantity of flour for his own family or for those in any way dependent upon him before another wheat crop is harvested, or even before several other wheat crops are harvested. Very certainly, he has accumulated the flour with the intention of holding it till he can sell it at famine prices, until he can wring out of famished people any price that he may ask for a handful of flour.

There are reports of several other discoveries of this kind, not in quantities so large, but with the same evident intent. The evil of the thing is unspeakable.

The Tennessean has furnished a rather glaring instance of human rapacity. It is only one of the many. It was not especially dangerous, for the three hundred barrels of flour hidden away could be easily found. No so with the insidious agreements of manufacturers and jobbers, who work in the dark and under the protection of good legal talent. For, facing the situation candidly, has any trust ever been really "busted"? Has there ever been any effective prosecution of those who violate the anti-trust laws that are now on the books? Court orders have been issued; trusts



Just Received
VASSAR UNION SUITS
in knee and three-fourths lengths in both regulars and stouts in all sizes from 34 to 50.

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have been told to dissolve; a few grand jury investigations have been initiated. Despite all this, the law of the land and the law of supply and demand have been alike ruthlessly violated. Food riots have taken place. The cry of the poor for bread has rent the air.

If the war is to be fought on "efficiency" lines, as the passage of the conscription bill would indicate, the government must assume the burden of controlling both the production and distribution of food. Not only should speculation in the necessities of life be prohibited, but there should be a stern decree against using the war as an excuse for elevating prices. It will require something more drastic than mere statutory or oral insistence to accomplish this.

HARTSELLE COMMITTEE APPEALS TO FARMERS.

A committee of Hartselle business men has appealed to the farmers of Morgan county not to sell their hogs. "It would be better to sell your mule during plow season than to sell your hogs—for you could eat your hog," the appeal sets out.

The address in full follows:

President Wilson's appeal to the Southern farmers of April 16th, to raise more hogs, cattle and food crops is especially evident to the thoughtful man that we will during the length of the great war have to feed ourselves.

The western grain centers will be called upon to feed our army, as well as the allies in Europe. The packing house products will also be at the disposal of the government and we, of Morgan county, must look to Morgan county farmers to furnish us foodstuffs,

and for this reason, the undersigned business men of Hartselle, earnestly appeal to the farmers not to sell your hogs at any price.

Hogs are quoted on today's market at 16 cents per pound at St. Louis. This means that meat and lard will cost us from 25 to 35 cents per pound by January 1st, 1918, as hogs will increase in value in proportion to all other food crops.

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ELIHU ROOT, ONE OF AMERICA'S BRAINEST MEN.

The announcement that President Wilson has selected Elihu Root of New York to go as chairman of the American commission to Russia will be pleasing to a majority of Americans, for we have put aside party and swept away partisan lines for the duration of the war.

What matters now to Americans is not the fact that Mr. Root is a republican of the most hard headed stand-pat kind, but that he is an American of undiluted patriotism and a statesman of exceptional brilliance. As a logician and a leader of thought Mr. Root has few equals in this republic.

As head of the American commission to Petrograd Mr. Root will render valiant service in keeping the Russians together and thus helping America win the world war. He is a natural leader and he is learned in all the arts of diplomacy. The president's act in appointing him was eminently fitting.

MR. WOLCOTT'S ELECTION COMPLIMENTS TWIN CITIES.

The election of Mr. Robert H. Wolcott of Albany, to a high position in the grand commandery of the Alabama Knights Templar is a signal victory for De Molay Commandery, No. 14, and a great compliment to the Twin Cities.

The election of Mr. Wolcott was aided by Dr. W. A. Rickles, J. D. McNabb and Dr. L. A. Neill, the Albany delegates to the grand commandery.

The Daily heartily congratulates Mr. Wolcott on his succession to this high office. His friends are feeling mighty good over the election.

"JIM CROW" CONSCRIPTION.

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situations and open charges made against the National Guard during the recent Mexican unpleasantness. And the guardsmen never had a chance to fight, and performed every service required of them. They were volunteers—that was their only crime. Even Col. Roosevelt's personality and influence have not been able to break through the lines of the general staff. Laid long before war was declared against Germany.

Just In Passing

SHOES GO HIGHER.

"Arthur Brest, traveling representative for the Gray-Dudley Hardware Company, gave me an insight into leather conditions," said A. G. Patterson. "Mr. Brest stated that the head of his firm had just returned from Washington, where he had been called, along with other big manufacturers from over the United States, to a conference with the National Advisory Council. At this meeting the government had submitted its specifications for leather goods needed for the equipment of the new army. One item alone was 44,000 sets of six-horse harness. Calculation by the Nashville man showed that 3,000,000 pounds of leather would be required in the filling of this single order. He expressed the opinion that prices now prevailing on leather goods, already steep, had just begun to climb. Shoes, he said, would command almost fabulous prices from now on."

LAWRENCE PLANTS COTTON.

"Lawrence county is planting as much cotton as usual," said Alderman John L. Proctor, who visited Moulton yesterday. "I was informed by Judge J. C. Kupre that the farmers of Lawrence were sticking to the staple, and that despite the fact that the South is facing the most serious food problem in its history."

MORGAN PLANTS SOY BEANS.

"I was informed by J. T. High, our very efficient county farm demonstrator, that nearly 30,000 acres of soy beans would be planted in Morgan county this year," said Judge L. P. Troup. "I understand that three car loads of beans for planting purposes have been sold to the farmers of the county at cost by enterprising merchants and bankers."

FAVORS CONSCRIPTION.

"I am in favor of the conscription bill," said Capt. Joe Pettry, of the Albany Home Guards. "And the reason that I favor conscription is that if the volunteer plan should be adhered to, the burden of furnishing an army would fall too heavily on the South. The men of Dixie would respond to the call of the country in proportionately much larger numbers than those of the north and the east, especially in the congested centers, where a large part of the population is only half American."

WALL STREET RUMOR SPEEDY

It is a Peculiar Institution, Coming From Nowhere and Dying Unwept and Unattended.

It is a peculiar institution is a Wall street rumor, and wonderfully constituted. It has size, width, breadth. Probably its most notable characteristic is its tremendous speed and the rapidity and surefootedness with which it hops from crag to crag and from precipice to precipice. Where its home nest is located no one knows, although rumor factories are popularly reported to be situated on every street in the financial district.

It is a bird of various manifestations. Sometimes it is large and important in bearing, strutting about with stately stride. Sometimes it crawls, sometimes it hops and at times it climbs.

Generally a rumor is first noticed entering the financial district from the up-town side of the street. It is very infrequent, indeed, that rumors swim in from the downtown side, although such cases are on the books. As it advances up street after street rumor grows in size, and its swelling increases perceptibly as it drifts into one street and out of another, from one office to another, into the curb market and out again, over to the Stock exchange and out again, using the telephone lines, telegraph lines, messenger boys and word of mouth to ear in getting about.

In the meanwhile it has gathered size, strength and generally a good-sized group of eager followers. Some people take up mighty easily with rumors and it's a poor one that cannot draw a few satellites.

Then something generally happens which puts rumor to the bad. Sometimes it encounters a government official or an officer of a company whose cloak it has borrowed for the occasion or a newspaper reporter or some other person authorized to poke into its vitals and see what makes the thing run.

Then rumor commences to shrivel. It grows smaller and smaller and smaller. Like Eugene Field's "Squig'em Squees" it fairly "swallows itself." Right then and there it has no friends. They quit it cold on the first signs of illness. Its death is always unattended and no one sheds a tear over its departure.

VALUES-BROTHER'S ADVICE AT FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS

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"Like my brother," he continued, "I suffered with stomach trouble and indigestion for thirty-five years. I spent almost every dollar I could spare from my wages trying to get well. I fell off twenty-two pounds and it looked like I was going down all the time. I didn't eat enough to keep a chicken alive and, to tell you the truth, I was afraid to eat anything but light foods because I knew it would hurt me afterward. I could hardly sleep at night and when I got out of bed in the morning I was so weak I had to hold onto something to keep from failing. Sometimes my back would hurt so it felt like it would break in two.

"Well, sir, I won relief from the very first dose of Tanlac and I seem to get better every day. I have already gained seven pounds and I feel so well I hardly know myself now. I can just eat anything I want and it all tastes good. I'm as strong as a farm mule and I don't have headaches any more and I'm not nervous like I was and my back don't hurt at all. My stomach is in fine shape and I just feel fine all over. I sleep fine, too; in fact, my wife has to come and arouse me every morning and I guess if she didn't I would be late getting to the factory to work."

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THE NATION'S FIGHTING MEN.

(By Kenneth MacDougall.)

From the farms of ole Kentucky, Texas ranch and Pennsile mine, New York office, nutmeg factory, Fighting men now fall in line.

"Running Elk," from North Dakota, "Little Bear," the Osage chief, "Two Gun Hicks," from Arizona, Fresh from hearding festive beef.

Jean Le Brun, from cold Alaska, Plain John Smith, who hails from Maine,

Stuart Lee, from old Virginia, "Romenez," who came from Spain

Pedro Gomez, once vaquero, Izzy Cohen, from Hester street, Dan Mulqueen, the scrappin' barkeep, Venusuite, from Isle of Crete.

Don McGregor, with his bagpipes, And some other fighting Scotch, New Mexican and Georgian, Each one trained to highest notch.

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(International News Service.)
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been killed in an earthquake in Italy.
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DELEGATES RETURN FROM
S. S. CONVENTION.

Mrs. S. D. Johnson, delegate from the Nannie Ramage class; Misses Williamson, Bailey, Tilman, from the Sunday school, and Mr. Nesbit from the Men's class, all have returned from Montgomery, where the Sunday school convention was held.

MISSIONARY FEDERATION

The meeting of the Missionary Federation has been postponed till Monday, May 14, because of the revival at the Westminster church and the address by Geo. Stuart at the Central M. E. church.

Mrs. A. J. Harris is entertaining the Ferry Street Rock club this afternoon.

Mrs. C. E. Hubbard is improving rapidly, having been operated on Tuesday afternoon at Benevolent hospital.

Mrs. H. B. Beard and daughter, Marjorie, will spend Saturday in Birmingham.

Mrs. W. A. George and daughter, Mary Elizabeth, of Meridian, Miss., are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Minor.

Mr. and Mrs. Minor, Mrs. George and John Minor will motor to Tuscaloosa to spend the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Minor.

BEGINS SERMON SERIES.

Dr. L. T. Mays, pastor of the Central Baptist church, announced today that he will begin Sunday morning preaching a series of four sermons on "Scriptural Prophecies Concerning the End of the World." The first sermon will be preached Sunday morning, the second Sunday night and the other two on Sunday, May 5.

HOTEL FLIES BIG FLAG.

One of the prettiest flags in the Twin Cities is the big national emblem flying over the Hotel Lyons, on Bank street. Manager Leonard Hobart had the flag erected several days ago at a heavy expense, a high flag pole being necessary.

Scores of large flags are now being run up over the business houses of the cities.

Clothing Needed For Five Little Girls

Five little girls now at Benevolent hospital, ranging in age from 2 to 13 years, all of them ill with measles, are in need of clothing. This is a genuine case of distress. All who can supply clothing, money or materials are urged to call Decatur 422.

Two Raiders Sighted By Inbound Ship

(International News Service.)
An American Port, April 27.—A steamer arriving here today reported encountering two mysterious vessels, one off the island of Haiti and the other two days earlier off Cape Hatteras. The officers and passengers are convinced the vessels were German raiders.

CLUB CALENDAR.

Saturday Club—Mrs. Cartwright.
Silo Stocking Club—

Misses Ivey Mae and Lovina Cain have returned to their homes in Madison after visiting Mrs. R. H. Woldcott.

PERSONALS

C. A. Abel, who has been ill for a number of months, returned yesterday from Birmingham, where he underwent an operation at St. Vincent hospital, and is very much improved in health. Mr. Abel has many friends here who will be pleased to learn of his recovery.

W. M. Owen will return Sunday from a week's stay in Chicago.

Sam Malone is in Florence on business.

John A. Thomason went to Evergreen Thursday to attend the meeting of the Baptist Orphanage.

John Minor has been appointed usher to aid in the unveiling of the Confederate monument at Shiloh in May.

Dr. R. H. Wolcott Is Honored By Templars

Local Man Elected Grand Warden by
State Conclave.

Dr. R. H. Wolcott, well known business man of Albany, was highly honored by the fifty-seventh annual conclave of the grand commandery of Knights Templar, at the closing session held late yesterday at Tuscaloosa, being elected grand warden.

This places him in line of promotion for the still high offices which the grand commandery can bestow.

Officers elected by the conclave were:

Grand commander, J. F. Spearman, Anniston; deputy grand commander, D. C. Carmichael, Dothan; grand generalissimo, J. V. Falck, Mobile; grand captain general, William A. Trimby, Selma; grand senior warden, Lawrence H. Lee, Montgomery; grand junior warden, J. P. Melvin, Tuscaloosa; grand prelate, J. W. Johnson, Birmingham; grand treasurer, F. M. Stillwell, Selma; grand recorder, Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery; grand standard bearer, Woolsey Finnell, Tuscaloosa, grand sword bearer, Lawrence Gellersted, Troy; grand warden, R. H. Wolcott, Albany; grand captain of the guard, W. H. Cooper, Montgomery.

Spain May Soon War Against Kaiser

(International News Service.)
Paris, April 27.—Intimation that Spain may enter the war despite the recent reaffirmation of her neutrality is contained in a dispatch from Madrid to the Matin today. Premier Prieto was quoted as saying that Spain was prepared to back up her recent submarine protest to Germany at any cost.

Brothers Fight For Kaiser; Sons For U. S.

(International News Service.)
Arkansas City, Kan., April 27.—The heart of Mrs. Bertha Dorner is heavy. Three of her sons are in the United States army and her two brothers are fighting for Germany. Now she is going to give up a fourth son, who will join the Kansas National Guard.

"There are millions of German people in this country and they will be loyal to America," she declared. "We are all Americans now, though naturally we Germans cannot keep from loving the fatherland. But we are for America first. My boys are going to fight for Uncle Sam. I have three more who will go if necessary."

SENATORS FIGHT TO ALLOW

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that the house will reach a vote some time today. The senate is under unanimous consent to vote before midnight tomorrow.

FINAL ARGUMENT MADE IN
HOUSE FOR DRAFT BILL

(International News Service.)
Washington, April 27.—The administration's final broadside for conscription was fired in the house today by Representative Kahn, republican, of San Francisco.

While praising the volunteers themselves, Kahn arraigned the volunteer system itself in terms that brought applause from both sides of the house. He held up conscription as the only method of raising an army befitting the world's greatest democracy.

"It is the democratic way," he said. "It is the fair way. It is the equitable way. And it is the way that will make for an efficient army."

Morse Ship Taken To a German Port

(International News Service.)
Christiania, April 27.—A Norwegian steamer has been captured by the Germans and taken to a German port, according to dispatches today, while two more Norse ships have been sunk by German submarines.

Anti-American Riot At Petrograd Was Started By Germans

(International News Service.)
Washington, April 27.—A detailed report from Ambassador Francis at Petrograd, giving the first official information of the German inspired demonstration against the American embassy, was received today at the state department:

"On Sunday evening," the state department announced, "the ambassador was informed that crowds of excited people with a black flag were planning to attack the American embassy, having been moved thereto by a violent speech of a socialist named Lenin. At the embassy he found a guard of seven soldiers who had been sent to protect the building. Presently a further small detachment of soldiers arrived. Ten minutes later messengers arrived and stated that the crowd had been dispersed.

"On Monday Monsieur Milukoff telephoned the ambassador that an Italian anarchist had addressed the crowd on Nevsky Prospect, arousing them by stating that an Italian named Muni had been executed in the United States. The government acted promptly to protect the embassy, arresting three of the crowd and dispersing the others.

"The ambassador adds that he would not have made a cabled report of this insignificant incident except for fear that sensational reports might create the impression that order is not enforced in Petrograd, where quiet prevails and life and property are safe."

Where You May Go To Enlist In The Twin Cities

The United States army recruiting station on Bank street.

The postoffice, Second avenue, Albany.

The postoffice, Bank street, Decatur.

Other army recruiting stations in Alabama are located at Birmingham, Montgomery, Mobile, Florence, Dothan, York, Opelika and Anniston.

WEST FRONT NOW KAISER'S CONCERN

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This firing is regarded as the prelude to infantry assaults.

WAR LASTS ANOTHER YEAR

(International News Service.)
Paris, April 27.—Even with the entrance of America, the war will last another year, according to a prediction made in an article by Gustave Herve in La Victoire.

FRENCH DRIVE RESUMED;

MUCH CANNON CAPTURED.

(International News Service.)
Paris, April 27.—After a brief lull, the French resumed their drive in Champagne on Thursday, the war office announced today. The French have captured 138 cannon since April 15. The war expert of the Matin estimates that the Germans have used 33 of their 43 reserve divisions. No less than 100,000 Germans fell in the first two days of battle, according to the Matin.

SEPARATE PEACE ADVOCATES
HAVE REACHED AMSTERDAM

(International News Service.)
Amsterdam, April 27.—Two socialists, members of the German Reichstag, have arrived here to revive the movement for a separate peace with Russia.

Colorado Negroes Would Aid Teddy

(International News Service.)
Denver, Colo., April 27.—Should Colonel Roosevelt be allowed to raise an army to fight in France, a brigade of Colorado negroes will be among the first to respond and offer themselves for service under his leadership.

V. H. Walker, "boss" of the democratic negro voters in Denver, is forming a brigade from the ranks of the Colorado negroes who served in the Philippines. Most of them are members of the famous Seventy-seventh that saved the day at El Canie.

French And Italian Loans Being Made

(International News Service.)
Washington, April 27.—With the immediate needs of England taken care of by the advancing of \$200,000,000 emergency loans to France and Italy today are being rushed and in all probability credit will be arranged for those nations within a week. The loan to France will be \$100,000,000 and to Italy \$70,000,000.

If you need a clerk, salesman, stenographer or any kind of help, the quickest way is a Daily want ad.

It is quality flour
and gives quality
results in baking—
at no extra cost.

Best wheat milled slowly,
sifted through silk.



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\$2.00 NASHVILLE AND RETURN

Special train leaves Union Station at Decatur 7:00 a. m.

Sunday, April 29th

SOUTHERN LEAGUE BASEBALL GAME

W. C. Williams, Agent
Decatur, Ala.

Arthur J. Arantz Goes To U. S. Navy

May Dole Out Food To Americans Later

(International News Service.)
Washington, April 27.—If food continues to grow scarcer Americans may find themselves going to market with food carts and getting just enough flour and potatoes to satisfy a normal appetite.

Economists have already begun to suggest the necessity for such measures. However, just at this time there is no pressing need of such restrictions.

Some lady is going to get a nice set of aluminum free at Kelley & Hauk's Saturday night. Read their ad and get your chance. (Adv.)

1917 Styles in Shoes at 1916 Prices

The war and the high price and scarcity of leather make no difference at this store, where the big stock of 3,000 pairs of fine shoes were bought long before the advance began on shoe prices.

Men's Low Quarters, made by Florsheim, Walk-Over and Beacon. Prices at from:

\$4.00 to \$6.00

You cannot match such prices in real leather shoes now.



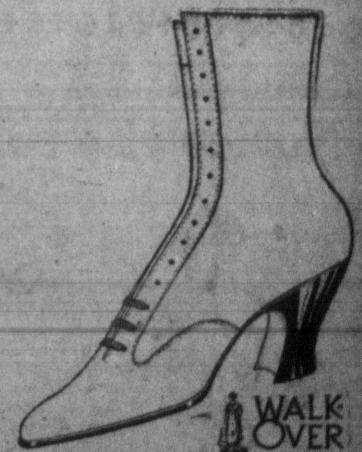
Ladies' Shoes from \$2.75 to \$4.00

including Irving Drews, Walk-Overs and other standard brands.

Children's Shoes at the same low prices, in all shapes, styles and leathers.

Guaranteed to be All Leather— Warranted First Class

We specialize on popular priced Shoes and we are doubly proud of the economies we are able to offer you this spring



WALK OVER

J. S. PATTERSON

NEXT DOOR STAR THEATRE

BANK STREET

FOOD SURVEY OF MORGAN COUNTY

COAL GETS RIGHT OF WAY BY ORDER OF RAILROAD HEADS

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and were paying fancy prices in order to keep from shutting down. These prices, so altering to the man with pork to sell, have brought brood sows to the slaughter pens in such number that the very existence of the hog tribe is threatened.

"The government will surely be forced to take over the packing plants and will use the entire meat supply for army purposes," Armour & Company cautioned, "and unless the South grows its own meat it will be compelled to do without it."

The Submarine Menace.

The submarine menace, it is pointed out, will seriously affect the food supply of the world. Millions of dollars worth of food is being destroyed each month by the U-boats, which during April alone sank 65 steamers, and this cannot be replaced. This one factor alone, it is shown, will in itself be sufficient to force prices upward and may yet cause the South to go hungry.

SUGAR

40,000 Pounds of granulated sugar. Our representatives bought all the surplus sugar they could in Nashville and Birmingham. For sale in limited quantities.

SUGAR

Moore Supply Co.

1317 4th Ave. South

Summer Prices on Coal

April	-	\$5.50
May	-	5.70
June	-	5.90
July	-	6.10
August	-	6.30
September	-	6.50

Above prices are on

Piper Little Cahaba

[FANCY LUMP]

After September it will be impossible to name a price. Coal operators will make no contracts or prices beyond that time.

Malone Coal, Grain and Motor Co.

Albany, Ala.

Phones 12 and 13

Notice the comfortable commonsense flexibility in this Sexton Athletic Union Suit.



SEE the specially knitted ribbed features which gives with every movement of the body. Here is extraordinary good athletic underwear at no greater price than you pay for the commonplace kinds. Sexton Athletic Underwear is made from sheer strong materials, and they always fit you. At our special pricing of 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

Our present large stock will go quickly. Better come in now.

SPEAKE & MOEBES

ODD FELLOWS TO OBSERVE BIRTHDAY

GRAND SECRETARY H. C. POLLARD WILL ADDRESS DECATUR LODGE AT 8 O'CLOCK TONIGHT.

The ninety-eighth anniversary of the Independent Order Odd Fellows will be observed tonight at 8 o'clock by Decatur Lodge No. 52 with an informal reception at the K. of P. hall, Bank street.

A musical program will be rendered by local talent and Grand Secretary H. C. Pollard will be the speaker of the evening. All Odd Fellows and their families are invited to be present at the big jollification.

Must Check U-Boats, British Press Warns

(International News Service.) London, April 27.—Admiralty reforms to check the growing submarine menace are demanded in a leading article in the Chronicle today. The Chronicle says that the allies can win in a battle of endurance, but that it would be an unsatisfactory victory.

SMALL FIRE IN ALBANY.

The Albany fire department responded to an alarm of fire yesterday at 1318 Third avenue, south. A small blaze caused by a defective flue was put out with little loss.

The announcement said in part:

"The supreme purpose of the railroads is to see that on every day of every week the greatest possible

amount of coal and iron ore is handled by their lines, and the executive committee is confident that the response of the carriers to the order of today will be immediate and will evidence a complete desire on their part to do everything in their power to aid in the nation's defense."

"The action of the executive committee today follows their pledge of April 11 to the government and the American people that during the war with Germany they would co-ordinate their operations in a continental railway system, merging all their merely individual and competitive activities in an effort to produce a maximum of national transportation efficiency."

In its order to the railroads the board says it has investigated the situation carefully and adds:

"The facts ascertained by the executive committee have established the conclusion that the national situation and the welfare of the country make it imperative that every energy of the railroads must now be continuously exerted to move daily the maximum of coal and iron ore in preference to all other commodities."

The board declares it realizes that opportunities are often discovered, by interpretation or otherwise, to evade the spirit of rules governing the distribution and use of cars, and says:

"The board, therefore, deems it its duty to state that it will and does look to the president of each road personally to see to it as in a special charge upon the good faith of himself and his railroad that this rule is not evaded nor abused, but is applied to accomplish daily the purpose intended. This order must be brought to the personal attention of all shippers using gondola and hopper cars so that no abuses nor evasion of the rule governing the use and movement of such cars will occur."

"If failure occurs, this committee will take prompt and effective steps to correct all such cases by disciplinary measures, including the publication where deemed necessary, of names of officers and railroads refusing to fail to respond to this appeal."

The car service commission's new rules governing car returns provide that any dispute that arises shall be settled by the commission. After explaining how this is to be done the commission offers this advice:

"In all cases, however, keep the cars moving and settle differences of opinion afterwards."

Olshine's, the Women, Men and Child's Shop

THE GOOD NEWS!

Tomorrow starts a sale of 350 Men's Tailor-Made Suits at greatly reduced wholesale price. Here is the story of this important sale:



Have just made the best buy of Men's Clothing in our entire career. Cash was the power behind this purchase. Cash induced the maker to let go for less than the original price. These Suits are the newest of spring and summer stylings. Men who appreciate style and material values will wax enthusiastic over them. Come early, get your pick. The savings are big.

Suits made to sell for \$30.00, here, your cash power choice at

\$19.50

Suits made to sell for \$25.00, here, your cash power choice at

\$15.90



A Sale of Fashionable Hats at Half Price



Magnificent dress hats of Milan trimmed with georgette crepe, flowers, ornaments etc, in white, shell pink, nile, gray, lavender, chartreuse, rose, French blue and black. Tomorrow these hats will begin to clear away at just

Half Their Former Prices,

about 150 hats in all, every one marked in plain figures.

Beautiful Ladies' Suits at a Special Price



THREE GROUPS—

Suits at \$11.98. Suits at \$17.98. Suits at \$22.98.

Former prices up to \$39.50.

To the economical woman who wants the best, this event will make the strongest appeal; for these suits are the best in value; good styles, good materials, good tailoring and all this is offered at a little price now.

We urge your early inspection and share the fine economy profits.

A Special Run for One Day, Saturday Only

SILK STRIPED FANCY SKIRTS

the big late demand of the season. Sold everywhere for \$10.00. Here for one day only, at **\$5.90.**

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Cor. Bank and Church Sts.

Decatur, Ala.

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